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SELECTMEN AND TREASURER

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RECEIPTS.

State Tax,	$1,472 00
County "	1,673 49
School "	1,288 00
Support of poor,	200 00
Town charges,	1,000 00
Roads and bridges,	500 00
Town debts,	1,000 00
Precinct tax,	700 00
School-house tax, Union District,	550 00
Extra School tax, " "	100 00
Per Centage,	387 39
Dog tax,	78 00
Non-resident highway tax,	16 25
Uncollected " " 1883,	38 62
	$9,003 75

Balance in Treasury March 1, 1884,	$4,115 33	
H. C. Boynton, highway surveyor,	2 63	
J. M. Philbrook, " "	3 30	
T. M. Towns, " "	4 07	
State, Railroad tax,	637 44	
" Savings Bank tax,	1,878 52	
" literary fund,	118 16	
" woodchuck bounties,	27 20	
County of Belknap, pauper claims,	50 39	
Rent of Town Hall,	56 00	
Davis & Boynton, rent and gas,	102 32	
Couch & Clough, rent and gas,	135 34	
Abutters on sidewalk, 1881,	9 81	
Tax list, 1882,	14 52	
" " 1883,	149 45	
Frank D. Hill, old plank,	10 00	
Interest, Iona Savings Bank,	64 24	
On "not accounted for, 1878,"	120 00	
Eliza A. Durgin, for new note,	1,305 88	
Order drawn, but not paid,	5 60	
		$8,810 20
Total receipts,		$17,813 95

PAYMENTS.

PAID SUNDRY TAXES.

State tax,	$1,472 00	
County tax,	1,673 49	
Precinct tax,	700 00	
School-house tax, Union District,	550 00	
Extra School " " "	100 00	
		$4,495 49

SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

Union District,	$733 30	
District No. 1,	104 55	
" " 2,	95 90	
" " 3,	119 30	
" " 4,	374 05	
" " 5,	73 30	
" " 1, Sanbornton,	57 85	
" " 2, "	1 75	
		$1,560 00

RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

Congregational,	$21 80	
First Methodist,	26 00	
Episcopal,	17 85	
Free Baptist,	22 68	
Second Methodist,	6 66	
		$94 99

PAID ON NOTES.

Martha A. Thompson, note and interest,	$1,060 74	
Eliza A. Durgin, (by new note)	1,305 88	
		$2,366 62

BOUNTIES.

Paid woodchuck bounties,	$27 20

FOR COUNTY PAUPERS, TRANSIENT.

Paid Hill & Fletcher,	$ 9 06	
" Dr. A. A. Moulton,	6 00	
" Philbrick & Hill,	15 00	
" H. B. Savage, fare paid,	6 75	
" Thorp & Wyatt, wood,	13 58	
" W. C. Wyatt,	1 20	
" Couch & Clough,	1 28	
		$52 87

TOWN HALL.

Hason Copp, water,	$ 25 00
G. Cook & Son, finish,	5 60
Gilbert & Barker Mfg. Co., gasolene,	131 67
R. R. freight on gasolene,	11 23

Philbrick & Hill, paints and glass,	34 47	
E. L. Sanborn & Son, mason work,	58 93	
John F. Eastman,	19 05	
Daniel Avery,	3 00	
M. C. Abbott,	5 50	
Smith & Smith,	9 90	
Geo. S. Thomas, painting,	46 35	
Fred A. Wilkins,	3 75	
Thorp & Wyatt, wood,	43 88	
Davis & Boynton, wood and repairs,	71 43	
Couch & Clough, repairs,	6 00	
		$475 76

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Byron W. Brown, plank,	$93 31	
Hill & Fletcher,	1 50	
Frank D. Hill, work on bridge,	19 50	
D. L. Clifford,	7 62	
Geo. F. Leavitt,	1 69	
A. F. Clark, highway surveyor,	7 74	
J. W. Johnson, " "	20 02	
B. M. Durgin, " "	4 55	
Albert J. Clark, " "	4 86	
N. A. Philbrook, " "	7 60	
Walter Sanborn, " "	25 55	
Chas. G. Durgin " "	19 61	
T. M. Towns, " "	36 93	
T. M. Towns, grading sidewalk, 1883,	38 44	
Wm. H. Seavey, work on bridge,	7 88	
N. S. Seavey, " "	6 12	
J. W. Johnson, " "	3 50	
F. J. Eastman, drain pipe,	25 06	
N. F. Wyatt,	9 50	
		$340 98

SHEEP DAMAGE.

Albert J. Clark,	$7 50

TOWN OFFICERS.

W. C. Wyatt, town clerk,	$ 50 00	
H. B. Savage, selectman,	154 00	
Wm. H. Seavey, "	82 00	
Alden Moulton, "	42 00	
Wm. T. Cass, town treasurer,	50 00	
F. C. Libby, school committe,	35 00	
A. H. Colby, collector,	127 15	
Wm. T. Cass, supervisor,	12 00	
Nathan Sanborn, "	16 00	
Alfred M. Foss, "	14 00	
Wm. P. Lang, police,	50 00	
Walter E. Blake, "	25 00	
John F. Eastman, police,	10 00	
		$667 15

MISCELLANEOUS.

Auditors, March 1, 1884,	$ 6 00
G. B. Munsey, reports,	21 00
" " printing,	2 60
C. W. Davenport, Memorial day,	25 00
J. S. Robinson, damage to wagon,	3 50
Cameron Sissons, damage to sleigh,	5 00
J. B. Sanborn, blank books,	6 64
Dr. W. A. Bucklin, returning births and deaths,	50
Dr. Edward Abbott, " " "	75
Dr. C. R. Gould, " " "	1 25
R. T. Noyes, by vote of town,	149 58
C. P. Herrick,	1 00
Dr. J. P. Osborne, returning births and deaths,	1 50

B. M. Durgin, watering tub,	1 75	
J. T. Downing, damage to sleigh,	3 00	
All incidental expenses,	12 97	
Non-resident highway tax worked,	2 92	
W. C. Wyatt, checklists,	75	
Abatements on tax list, 1882,	14 52	
" " " 1883,	29 49	
" " " 1884,	31 56	
Due on tax list of 1884,	119 97	
" " " 1883,	65 45	
Paid coupons, due June 1, 1883,	24 00	
" " " Dec. 1, "	42 00	
" " " June 1, 1884,	456 00	
" " " Dec. 1, "	450 00	
		$1,478 70
In hands of trersurer, of which $3,087.57 is in Iona Savings Bank.		$6,246 69

RECAPITULATION.

Tax list, and cash received,	$17,813 95

PAYMENTS.

Sundry taxes,	$4,495 49
School districts,	1,560 00
Religious Societies,	94 99
On notes.	2,366 62
Woodchuck bounties,	27 20
County Paupers,	52 87
Town Hall,	475 76
Roads and bridges,	340 98
Sheep damage,	7 50

Town Officers,	667 15	
Miscellaneous,	1,478 70	
In hands of Town Treasurer,	6,246 69	
		$17,813 95

TOWN DEBTS.

Notes and Interest to March 1, 1885,	$2,911 39	
Bonds, " " "	16,240 00	
Unpaid Coupons, due June 1, 1884,	24 00	
" " Dec. 1, "	30 00	
Order drawn, but not paid,	5 60	
		$19,210 99

ASSETS.

Railroad Stock, 21 shares,	$ 210 00	
Rents earned,	45 00	
Albert Elliott's note,	30 00	
Due from D. E. Hill, rent and gas,	167 29	
Due from County of Belknap,	2 48	
Due on tax list of 1883,	65 45	
" " " 1884,	119 97	
Cash in Treasury,	6,246 69	
		$6,886 88
Net debt March 1, 1885,		$12,324 11
Net debt March 1, 1884,	$15,392 95	
" " 1885,	12,324 11	
Decrease of debt the past year,	$3,068 84	

We shall at once pay two more notes, leaving only two out, amounting to about $1,600 00.

School and parsonage fund note, $3,166 35

Town Bonds to the amount of $5,500 00
will become due June 1, 1886.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE B. SAVAGE,
WM. H. SEAVEY,
ALDEN MOULTON,
Selectmen of Tilton.

Having examined the foregoing accounts we find them properly vouched and correctly cast.

A. S. BALLANTYNE,
E. G. PHILBRICK,
W. H. H. ROLLINS,
Auditors.

TILTON, N. H., March 2, 1885.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer of Tilton, N. H. respectfully submits the following report for the year ending Feb. 28, 1885:

Received from former treasurer, Iona Savings Bank book of deposit,	$2,023 33	
Cash received of former treasurer,	1,942 42	
" " of R. T. Noyes,	149 58	
Iona Savings Bank dividend,	64 24	
Cash received of collector of 1883,	64 32	
" " " " 1884,	8,849 30	
" " selectmen	3,135 37	
		$16,228 56

EXPENDITURES.

Paid coupons due June 1883,	$ 24 00	
" " " Dec. "	42 00	
" " " June 1884,	456 00	
" " " Dec. "	450 00	
" selectmen's orders,	9,009 87	
		$9,981 87
Deposit in Iona Savings Bank,		3,087 57
Deposit in Citizens' National Bank,		3,159 12
		$16,228 56
Balance deposited as above,		$6,246 69

WM. T. CASS,
Treasurer.

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A. S. BALLANTYNE,
E. G. PHILBRICK,
W. H. H. ROLLINS,
} *Auditors.*

REPORT

OF

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Prudential Committee, Joseph Derby.

First term. Teacher, Nettie M. Browne; length of school, 9 weeks; number of pupils, 10; average attendance, 9; number of visits by parents and citizens, 12.

Roll of Honor.—Nellie A. Clark, Lela G. Durgin, Grace L. Derby, Carrie E. Plummer, Albert Moorhouse, Eugene Moorhouse.

Second term. Teacher, Belle W. Gile; length of school, 10 weeks; number of pupils, 14; average attendance, 11; number of visits by parents and citizens, 14.

Roll of Honor.—Nellie A. Clark; Lela G. Durgin, Grace L. Derby, Carrie E. Plummer.

This is a small but pleasant school; the pupils have been diligent in their studies, and have made commendable progress.

The teachers have discharged all duties devolving upon them, in a praise worthy manner; and we can only hope that this school may be as well cared for in the future.

One of the necessities in this district is a new school-building; the old one is a disgrace to this section of the town. We have pleasant school-rooms in all the other districts in town; why not have one here?

DISTRICT No. 2.

Prudential Committe, Oren Clark.

First term. Teacher, May R. Moulton; length of school, 7 weeks; number of pupils, 8; average attendance, 8; number of visits by parents and citizens, 6.

Roll of Honor.—Mabel Lane, Lilla Philbrick, George A. Moulton, Wilbur B. Moulton.

Second term. Teacher, May R. Moulton; length of school, 12 weeks; number of pupils, 10; average attendance, 9; number of visits by parents and citizens, 7.

Roll of Honor.—Lloyd Lamprey, George A. Moulton.

A pleasant school-room, studious and orderly pupils, the co-operation of parents, and an enthusiastic and efficient teacher have been the elements that have combined to make this one of the most interesting and prosperous schools in town.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Prudential Committee, Alfred Foss.

First term. Teacher, F. C. Libby; length of school, 8 weeks; number of pupils, 39; average attendance, 34; number of visits by parents and citizens, 14.

Roll of Honor.—Lillie M. Banford, Mabel A. Foss, Ina G. Johnson, Mertie B. Johnson, Alice Mudgett, Elwin M. Gray, Bertie R. Holbrook, Irving C. Johnson, Olin L. Philbrook, Harry E. Philbrook, Tommy W. Sawyer.

Second term. Teacher, Helen F. Rollins; length of school, 9 weeks; number of pupils, 31; average attendance, 28; number of visits by parents and citizens, 7.

Roll of Honor.—Mabel A. Foss, Inez A. Gray, Ina G. Johnson, Lutie Johnson, Frank E. Gile, Elwin M. Gray, Irving C. Johnson, Charles W. Philbrook, Olin Philbrook.

A large and interesting school; pupils diligent and co-operating with the teacher to make the school a success. The parents have shown great interest in this school during the past year; and there has been a united effort on their part to make it one of the best. The teachers have understood the needs of this

school from the first; and have labored zealously to perform all duties devolving upon them in a faithful manner. The result. has been the advancement of the school to a high average in scholorship.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Prudential Committee, A. S. Ballantyne.

First term. Teacher, Mary A. Putney; length of school, 9 weeks; number of pupils, 36; average attendance, 34; number of visits by parents and citizens, 19.

Roll of Honor.—Etta Downing, Ida Downing, Linnie Hill, Edith Lord, Gertrude B. Lamprey, Mary Philbrook, Gertrude Leavett, Lillie Mayward, Stella Simonds, Mary A. Powers, Frances A. Trombly, John Ballantyne, Fred Downing, Gussie Leipold, Charley Philbrick, Gerry T. Philbrick, William Trombly.

Second term. Teacher, Mary A. Putney; length of school, 11 weeks; number of pupils, 23; average attendance, 20; number of visits by parents and citizens, 32.

Roll of Honor.—Katie I. Ballantyne, Ida Downing, Della Clark, Gertrude B. Lamprey, Maud E. Kenison, Gerry T. Philbrick, Gussie Leipold.

Third term. Teacher, Mary A. Putney; length of school, 12 weeks; number of pupils, 16; average attendance, 13; number of visits by parents and citizens, 24.

Roll of Honor.—Kate I. Ballantyne. Della Clark, Gertrude B. Lamprey, Gerry T. Philbrick.

This has been one of the most successful schools in town. There has been a united effort on the part of teacher and pupils; resulting in the rapid progress of the school, and the attainment of a high degree in scholarship. We trust that as good an opportunity, for progress, may be sought after, and provided for this school, in future terms

DISTRICT No. 5.

Prudential Committee, B. M. Durgin.

First term. Teacher, Estella A. Freese; length of school,

6 weeks; number of pupils, 15; average attendance, 12: number of visits by parents and citizens, 12.

Roll of Honor.—Alice Rollins.

Second term. Teacher, Estella A. Freese; length of school, 15 weeks; number of pupils, 28; average attendance, 22: number of visits by parents and citizens, 2.

Roll of Honor.—Alice Rollins.

This is a school that specially needs a teacher of ability and tact, in order to insure success. This demand was very happily met in the labors of the teacher this year. We are glad to be able to record a good degree of progress, in this school. The only failure in this district, to be recorded, is on the part of some of the parents in not sending pupils under their care to the school more regularly. Parents you are doing both yourselves and those under your care a great injustice in this respect: correct this fault and your school may be one of the best.

FREEMAN C. LIBBY,

Superintending School Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION,

FOR UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT, No. 1, IN TILTON.

Our Schools during the year now closed, have been in a reasonably fair condition, but there is still opportunity for great improvement.

The Grammar School has continued under the care of Miss Marion E. Lyford.

The progress made in many of the branches taught, by some of the pupils, was excelent. There was a lack of thoroughness in the important branches of reading, writing and speaking, and the general discipline was below the desired standard.

She labored ardently for the good of the school, has a happy faculty of winning the love of her pupils, but less dependence upon the aid of the teacher and more self reliance would cultivate better thought and greater accuracy in the schollar.

First Term.

Length of school, 10 weeks; whole number schollars, 21; average attendance, 18.89.

Roll of Honor.—Charles Fletcher, Lewis H. Nutter, Mertie B. Tucker, Ellen G. Moore, G. Belle Wilkins, Maud L. Irving, Belle W. Peabody.

Second Term.

Length in weeks, 10; number scholars, 29; average attendance, 28.3.

Roll of Honor.—Charles Fletcher, Lewis H. Nutter, Geo. B. Rogers, Maud E. Moore, Sarah A. Kane, G. Belle Wilkins.

Third Term.

Length, 11 weeks; number scholars, 29; average attendance, 25.6.

Roll of Honor.—Lena M. Morrison, Mertie B. Tucker, Metta O. Wilkins, Charles Fletcher, Geo. B. Rogers.

The middle school for the first term was taught by Miss Nettie F. Ainsworth. It was a cause of regret on the part of the board that her valued services could not be longer retained.

She possesses experience, special training for her vocation, and did much toward bringing the school to the desired condition of excellence and proficiency.

The last two terms were under Miss Lizzie W. Titcomb who came well recommended and fully met the expectations of the board. Her Normal School training admirably fitted her for the position and she did splendid work.

First Term.

Length, 10 weeks; number scholars, 37; average attendance, 35.

Roll of Honor.—Nellie Dolly, Florence Dolly, Metta Wilkins, Josie Wyatt, Nellie Hanaford, Charlie Avery, Harry Gould, Fred Wyatt.

Second Term.

Length, 10 weeks; number scholars, 22; average attendance, 21.

Roll of Honor.—Etta Dolly, Mabel Hanaford, Hattie Flanders, Mabel Stevens, Stella Wilkins.

Third Term.

Length, 11 weeks; number scholars, 24; average attendance, 20.

Roll of Honor.—Herbert Dolly, Willie Brodly, Hattie Flanders, Charlie Avery.

The Primary has been in the hands of Miss Alice P. Wyman who for four years has done good work in this school. She has a happy way of interesting and holding the attention of the children, arousing their ambition and inspiring them with a love for the work of the school room.

First Term.

Length, 10 weeks; number scholars, 53; average attendance, 46.

Roll of Honor.—Ellen Howe, Alice A. Howe, Alice E. Haslam, Alice E. Dennis, Gracie Ingalls, Mabel Stevens, Guy M. Lord, Herbert S. Rogers, Ernest Nelson, Flora B. Wyatt, Leon Locke.

Second Term.

Length, 10 weeks; number of scholars, 45; average attendance, 37.

Roll of Honor.—Allice E. Dennis, Allice E. Haslam, Ellen F. Hill, Grace T. Hill, Gracie Ingalls, Guy M. Lord.

Third Term.

Length, 11 weeks; number scholars, 35; average attendance, 32.

Roll of Honor.—Nellie G. Corey, Herbert S. Rogers.

The new furnaces were found to be well adapted to the wants of the district and worked satisfactorily.

A few reforms in the management of the schools are much needed in order to bring them up to such a degree of efficiency as is desired, and we respectfully make the following recommendations

1. The law now permits the appointment of truant officers. Such an office, is much needed here. The Board, who serve without compensation, ought not to be expected or required to perform that service.

2. A carefully prepared course of study should be arranged for each school, with monthly written and oral examinations conducted by some member of the Board acting as superintendent.

3. Some competent person should be employed in one of the schools, say the grammar, to have a general supervision over the government and discipline of all the departments and the care of the building under the direction of the superintendent.

4. The amount of school money now at our command will enable us, in the future to obtain first class teachers.

None but those trained and specially fitted by experience and Knowledge of the best methods, should be employed.

All those intending to enter upon the work of the profession of teaching, should be required first to qualify themselves for the occupation by a course at some Normal or training school, after the usual course in the preparatory school. With the facilities now within their reach there is no excuse for a neglect of this all important prerequisite. This district cannot afford to maintain a training school for teachers when those already qualified can be easily obtained.

This is something too little understood by those not acquainted with the improved system of teaching.

The difference in its lasting results to the children, between a good school, conducted by a bright and active teacher under Normal methods, and a poor school, without system and proper discipline, is too little appreciated, and yet the better costs no more than the poorer.

C. C. ROGERS,
L. C. HILL,
A. C. LORD,
} *Board of Education.*

March 2, 1885.